

Robert G. Taub Acting Chairman

April 14, 2016

The Honorable Bathsheba N. Crocker Assistant Secretary U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Organization Affairs 2201 C Street NW Washington, DC 20520

Dear Assistant Secretary Crocker:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of Deputy Assistant Secretary Nerissa Cook's letter of April 1, 2016, requesting the Postal Regulatory Commission's views in accordance with 39 U.S.C. §407(c)(1). Please be assured that the Commission will be working diligently in the months ahead to provide the Department of State with our views by August 21, 2016, as requested, in advance of the September Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress. As needed, the Commission will also send the Department of State supplemental views for Congress proposals that the UPU makes available after this date.

Shortly, the Commission plans to establish a proceeding to solicit public comments on the Commission's views in accordance with 39 CFR part 3017, which took effect on February 8, 2016. The Commission remains committed to our ongoing coordination and cooperation with the Department of State in preparing for the UPU Congress and in promoting a positive outcome for all U.S. stakeholders.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert G. Taub Acting Chairman cc: Nerissa Cook

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